

1           Atlantic City has risen from a washed up,  
2 ruined beach town to become a world class destination  
3 resort with endless opportunities for everyone in the  
4 future.

5           CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Mr. Armstrong.  
6           Mr. Clark.

7           DR. CLARK: My name is Dr. Harold Clark,  
8 and I'm a clinical psychologist and a Board certified  
9 psychoanalyst, and I serve as the clinical director  
10 for the Clark Institute of Brigantine, New Jersey,  
11 which is just across the inlet from downtown Atlantic  
12 City, where my wife, Barbara Clark, and I provide  
13 professional counseling services to individuals,  
14 couples, and families, including those particularly  
15 who are suffering from alcohol, drug, or gambling  
16 addictions.

17           For the record, I did my first paper on  
18 the treatment of teenage gambling -- teenage drug  
19 addicts in 1950 or so, and I've been involved ever  
20 since in programs which are designed to help treat  
21 addictions, and more importantly, I believe, to help  
22 to try to prevent the onset of addictive behavior.

1           Also for the record, I'd like to say that  
2 I could provide any number of cases of individuals who  
3 have suffered financial or personal hardship as a  
4 result of their addiction to gambling, but I think the  
5 Commission already has enough of those cases, and in  
6 the interest of my using the time as I would wish, I'm  
7 not going to do that.

8           I'd like to say that in my opinion and in  
9 the opinion of all of the other experts that I've  
10 talked to who are involved in concerns with respect to  
11 compulsive gambling, this Commission has already  
12 served a very valuable purpose because it seems to us  
13 that it was only from the time that the formation of  
14 this Commission seemed likely that we began to see a  
15 more open attitude on the part of representatives of  
16 the casinos and of the industry.

17           Also, we began to see some internal  
18 efforts in the casinos to establish problem gambling  
19 committees and to establish some prevention  
20 activities.

21           Also, the establishment of the Center for  
22 the Study of Responsible Gambling also has been a

1 result since this Commission was formed.

2 I'm reminded that Frank Farenkoff,  
3 president of the National Gaming Association, has made  
4 this observation at the time that that center was  
5 formed, saying, "It doesn't matter whether it's one  
6 percent or six percent that we're talking about here.  
7 The industry needs to step up and do its part to  
8 resolve the problem of compulsive gambling."

9 I believe that this Commission can  
10 continue to be helpful by including in its final  
11 report several recommendations.

12 First of all, the hope that the industry  
13 would come to terms with its critics with respect to  
14 the amount of problem gambling that there is and what  
15 is being done to address it because I don't think the  
16 industry has done as good a job as it might in talking  
17 about what it's doing to help address the problem.

18 Secondly, I hope the Commission would  
19 recommend that the industry begin to support state  
20 councils who are really in the forefront of doing the  
21 work to help prevent or to provide treatment resources  
22 and prevention.

1                   Finally, I hope the Commission will  
2 recommend to the industry that it devote its research  
3 efforts to looking at how its products and its  
4 marketing procedures may, in fact, be contributing to  
5 an increase of problem gambling in the future.

6                   I think those recommendations would be  
7 helpful.

8                   Thank you.

9                   CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Dr. Clark.

10                  Tony DeMarco.

11                  MR. DeMARCO: Yes, good evening.

12                  CHAIRMAN JAMES: Welcome.

13                  MR. DeMARCO: My name is Tony DeMarco.

14 I'm a counselor and a member of the board of  
15 directors --

16                  CHAIRMAN JAMES: Tony, would you pull the  
17 mike a little closer --

18                  MR. DeMARCO: Yes.

19                  CHAIRMAN JAMES: -- so the people in the  
20 back can hear?

21                  MR. DeMARCO: Yes. I'm a counselor, and  
22 I am member of the board of directors of the Council